

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 (original): A deterrent strip for repelling birds and other pests, said strip comprising, in combination:

a plurality of wire support members of electrically non-conductive material forming a flexible, bendable base, each wire support member including two spaced wire support portions and an inner portion disposed between and interconnecting the spaced wire support portions, the inner portions of adjacent wire support members defining spaces therebetween;

at least two electrically conductive, extensible wires disposed along at least a portion of the length of said base, said electrically conductive, extensible wires secured to said spaced wire support portions and spaced from one another; and

restraint members attached to and extending between the inner portions of adjacent wire support members across the spaces defined thereby resisting lengthwise stretching of said strip.

2 (original): The strip according to Claim 1 wherein said electrically conductive wires are spaced so that a bird or other pest can simultaneously contact said electrically conductive wires when engaging the strip to short said electrically conductive wires and provide a mild shock to the pest.

3 (original): The strip according to Claim 1 wherein said wire support members are integrally connected and wherein

said base has side edges, said spaces defined by the inner portions of said wire support members comprising notches extending inwardly from at least one of said side edges.

4 (original): The strip according to Claim 1 wherein said restraint members comprise flexible, readily bendable, substantially non-linearly extensible connectors.

5 (original): The apparatus according to Claim 4 wherein said connectors are integral with said wire support members.

6 (original): The strip according to Claim 5 wherein said connectors and said wire support members are of molded plastic construction.

7 (original): The strip according to Claim 4 wherein said connectors comprise segments of a single elongated connector member extending through and projecting from opposed ends of said wire support members and attached to said wire support members.

8 (original): An elongated deterrent strip for mounting to a surface to discourage birds and other pests from resting on that surface, the strip comprising, in combination;

a base of electrically non-conductive material, the base in lateral cross-section having edges, the base having spaced notches along at least one edge thereof to provide flexibility to the base whereby the base may be bent both out of the plane and within the plane, said notches extending inwardly

from at least one of said edges to define base inner portions spaced from one another;

at least two electrically conductive wires secured to and extending along an upper surface of the base, over the notches, the electrically conductive wires spaced so that a pest will simultaneously contact the electrically conductive wires when the pest is on the strip, shorting the electrically conductive wires and giving a mild shock to the pest to discourage it from continuing its perch on the strip when the electrically conductive wires are electrically energized, the electrically conductive wires undulating lengthwise to provide them with give so that they will not disassociate from the base when it is bent or when the wires and base expand or contract at a different rate; and

restraint members attached to and extending between the base inner portions across the spaces therebetween to resist lengthwise stretching of said strip.

9 (new): An elongated deterrent strip for mounting to a surface to discourage birds and other pests from resting on that surface, the strip comprising, in combination;

a base of electrically non-conductive material, the base in lateral cross-section having edges, the base having spaced notches along at least one edge thereof to provide flexibility to the base whereby the base may be bent both out of

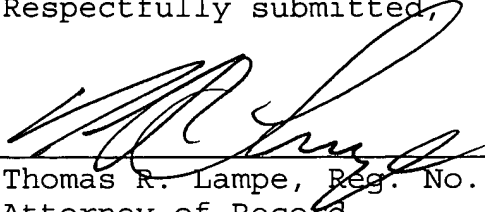
the plane and within the plane, said notches extending inwardly from at least one of said edges to define base inner portions spaced from one another;

at least two electrically conductive wires secured to and extending along an upper surface of the base, over the notches, the electrically conductive wires spaced so that a pest will simultaneously contact the electrically conductive wires when the pest is on the strip, shorting the electrically conductive wires and giving a mild shock to the pest to discourage it from continuing its perch on the strip when the electrically conductive wires are electrically energized, the electrically conductive wires undulating lengthwise to provide them with give so that they will not disassociate from the base when it is bent or when the wires and base expand or contract at a different rate; and

at least one restraint member attached to said base resisting lengthwise stretching of said strip.

Respectfully submitted,

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